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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response.

In the Office Action, the only outstanding matter is an alleged defective reissue oath/declaration for which all pending claims 2-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251. Attached is an Supplemental Declaration from the inventor responsive to the alleged error in the existing Declaration and the rejection of the claims.

Entry of the Supplemental Declaration and allowance of the reissue application and all currently pending claims 2-36 are respectfully requested.

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